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SUBJECT: LATEST OPINION POLLS ON LOCKHEED

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1. "ASAHI" ON OCTOBER 23 AND 26 PUBLISHED ADDITIONAL FINDINGS OF ITS OCTOBER 4-5 OPINION SURVEY, WHICH THIS POST REPORTED ON IN PART IN THE REFTEL. LIKEWISE THE "MAINICHI" SURVEY TREATED IN THE REFTEL HAD TWO QUESTIONS BEARING ON THE LOCKHEED CASE. THIS DATA PROVIDES SOME MEASURE OF THE PUBLIC MOOD ON THE SCANDAL IN SEPTEMBER AND EARLY OCTOBER.

2. THE BASIC FINDINGS: (1) EVEN IN EARLY OCTOBER, WHEN MEDIA TREATMENT OF LOCKHEED HAD SLACKED OFF, THE LOCKHEED CASE WAS THE PRIME TOPIC OF INTEREST OF THE RESPONDENTS. (2) THE PUBLIC CONSIDERS THE CASE ONLY PARTLY CLARIFIED BY THE REVELATIONS SO FAR, BUT FEW EXPECT IT WILL BE ENTIRELY BROUGHT OUT INTO THE OPEN. (3) THE SCANDAL IS SEEN AS ORIGINATING IN (A) THE CORRUPTION THAT EXISTS IN EVERY ERA--39 PERCENT--(B) THE NATURE OF CONSERVATIVE POLITICS--18 PERCENT--(C) JAPAN'S DEPENDENCE ON THE UNITED STATES --15 PERCENT--(D) THE LACK OF ALTERNATION OF POWER BETWEEN THE

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POLITICAL PARTIES--10 PERCENT--AND (E) THE SHALLOW ROOTS OF

DEMOCRACY IN JAPAN--7 PERCENT. (4) SOME TWO THIRDS THINK THAT THE DEFENSE AGENCY'S SELECTION OF THE LOCKHEED P3C WAS IMPROPERLY INFLUENCED BY GOJ AND USG AUTHORITIES.

3. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DETAILS OF THE "ASAHI" SURVEY, WITH DATA ALSO FROM THE "MAINICHI" SURVEY WHERE RELEVANT:

Q. "WHAT SUBJECTS HAVE INTERESTED YOU LATELY?" (NO DIRECT TEXT FOR THIS QUESTION SUPPLIED. UP TO THREE ANSWERS ALLOWED PER RESPONDENT.)

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(OTHERS BELOW 10 PERCENT)	

Q. "IT IS MORE THAN HALF A YEAR SINCE THE LOCKHEED INCIDENT CAME TO LIGHT; BUT HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS INCIDENT?" (OPEN-END ANSWERS)

ANGRY AND BETRAYED	17
(WANT) THOROUGH AIRING OF FACTS	16
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Q. DO YOU THINK THE LOCKHEED CASE WILL BE ENTIRELY BROUGHT OUT OR NOT?"

WILL BE	11
WILL NOT BE	74
OTHER; CAN'T SAY	15

Q. "WHY DO YOU THINK SUCH A THING AS THE LOCKHEED CASE OCCURRED?" (CHOOSE ONLY ONE RESPONSE FROM CARD LIST.)

BECAUSE THERE IS CORRUPTION IN EVERY ERA	39
BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF CONSERVATIVE POLITICS	18
BECAUSE JAPAN HAS BEEN DEPENDING ON AMERICA	15
BECAUSE POWER HAS NOT ALTERNATED BETWEEN THE RULING AND OPPOSITION PARTIES FOR SO LONG	10
BECAUSE DEMOCRACY HAS NOT SET DOWN ITS ROOTS	7
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OTHER; CAN'T SAY	11
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Q. "THE LOCKHEED CASE FIRST CAME TO LIGHT IN THE AMERICAN CONGRESS. IF IT HAD NOT BEEN MADE AN ISSUE IN AMERICA, DO YOU THINK IT WOULD ALWAYS HAVE REMAINED UNKNOWN; OR DO YOU THINK THAT SOONER OR LATER IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BROUGHT OUT IN JAPAN?"

WOULD HAVE REMAINED UNKNOWN	66
WOULD HAVE COME OUT IN JAPAN	25

OTHER; CAN'T SAY

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Q. "WHAT DO YOU MOST WANT TO KNOW HEREAFTER ABOUT THE LOCKHEED CASE?" (NAME UP TO TWO RESPONSES FROM CARD LIST.)

WHERE THE 1.7 BILLION YEN WENT THAT KODAMA RECEIVED 45

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OTHERS; CAN'T SAY 15

Q. "IN THE LOCKHEED CASE THE QUESTION WAS RAISED IN THE DIET OF WHETHER THERE WAS ANYTHING IMPROPER BETWEEN JAPANESE AND AMERICAN AUTHORITIES CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF THE SDF'S ANTI-SUBMARINE PLANE. DO YOU THINK THERE APPARENTLY WAS OR WAS NOT?"

THINK SO 67

THINK NOT 9

OTHER; CAN'T SAY 22

Q. "THERE ARE THE SO-CALLED "GRAY HIGH OFFICIALS" WHO RECEIVED LOCKHEED COMPANY FUNDS BUT WERE NOT INDICTED. DO YOU THINK THE NAMES OF THESE PEOPLE SHOULD ALL BE RELEASED, OR THAT IT IS BETTER NOT TO RELEASE THE NAMES?"

TOTAL PRO-LDP PRO-JSP

SHOULD BE RELEASED 76 71 84

SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED 11 15 8

OTHER; CAN'T SAY 13

(FROM 10/26/76 "ASAHI")

Q. "DO YOU THINK THE CURRENT OF POLITICS WILL BE CHANGED HERE-  
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AFTER BY EFFECTS OF THE LOCKHEED INCIDENT, OR DO YOU NOT  
THINK SO?"

WILL CHANGE 30

WILL NOT CHANGE 58

OTHER; CAN'T SAY 12

Q. "IN MAKING UP YOUR MIND ON HOW TO VOTE IN THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTIONS, WILL YOU BE THINKING ABOUT THE LOCKHEED CASE OR NOT?"

WILL BE 59

WILL NOT BE 35

OTHER; CAN'T SAY 6

(FROM 10/12/76 "MAINICHI")

Q2A "LOOKING AT MOVES BY POLITICAL CIRCLES SINCE THE LOCKHEED INCIDENT, WILL YOU CHANGE YOU THINKING ABOUT THE POLITICAL

PARTIES AND CANDIDATES FOR WHICH YOU WILL BE VOTING IN THE NEXT  
ELECTION?"

	TOTAL	PRO-LDP	PRO-JSP	
WILL CHANGE THINKING	44	34	46	
WON'T CHANGE THINKING	52	64	51	
OTHER; NO ANSWER	4	2	3	

Q.2B "THEN, WQT DO YOU THINK THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL WILL DO?"

	TOTAL	PRO-LDP	PRO-JSP	
MANY WILL CHANGE THINKING	56	45	65	
WON'T CHANGE THINKING	39	51	32	
OTHER; NO ANSWER	5	4	3	

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